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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **Toshio OTA et al.**
Title: **FULL LENGTH cDNA CLONES AND PROTEINS ENCODED THEREBY**
Appl. No.: **10/031,589**
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Examiner: **Jon M. Lockard**
Art Unit: **1647**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2004 in the above-identified application. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a one-month extension of time to extend the time to respond to July 26, 2004. Should such a request be deficient or absent or if there are any other deficiencies, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to charge the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Response to Restriction Requirements

In response to the first Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, comprising claims 1-3, 5-10, and 13-15, for prosecution in the subject application. In response to the group pertaining to polynucleotide and polypeptide, antibody and methods of using, Applicants hereby elect for examination, with traverse, Group B, SEQ ID NOS 3 and 4. Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims and sequences and the right to request rejoinder of commensurate method and process claims.

If there are any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is courteously invited to contact the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

Date July 26, 2004

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Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicant(s) hereby petition for any needed extension of time.